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The Order of Exercises

2018 Winter Commencement Ceremonies
Chester Fritz Auditorium

President Mark R. Kennedy, Presiding

**Pre-Ceremony Concert**
Brent Hermans

**Processional**
“Pomp and Circumstance” (Edward Elgar)
*Please stand during the Processional.*

“America the Beautiful”
Haley Olson, Soloist (3 P.M. & 1 P.M.)
Rachael Schiller, Soloist (4 P.M.)

**Greetings from the State Board of Higher Education**
Thursday, December 13 - Daniel Traynor
Friday, December 14 - Jill Louters

**Reflections**
President Mark R. Kennedy

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President Mark R. Kennedy
David Tack, Proctor

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**Alumni Association Greetings**
DeAnna Carlson Zink
UND Alumni Association and Foundation

“Alma Mater”
The Assemblage
Led by Haley Olson & Rachael Schiller
Hail to thee, O Alma Mater!
Hail to thee with heart and tongue!
Pride we feel and love yet greater
While we raise our grateful song.
Home of lofty thought and learning,
Beacon o’er our western land,
Shrine whence still the ever-burning
Torch is passed from hand to hand.

**Recessional**
Brent Hermans


**Academic Pageantry**

The pageantry of American colleges and universities, including such ceremonies as commencement, has been inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries. Academic life as it is known today began in the Middle Ages, first in the church and then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, in which the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility.

The ceremony you will witness today will be less formal than would have been the case even two decades ago. Still, many traditions have been continued. To maintain continuity with the past, University of North Dakota faculty, the stage officials and the degree candidates will wear academic dress.

Principal features of academic garb are the gown, cap and hood. Early it became necessary for universities to set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of academic dress. Both Cambridge and Oxford since the 15th century have made academic dress a matter of university control even to its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895.

**Academic Dress**

**The Gown**

The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. While it originally may have been worn as protection against the chill of unheated buildings, it has today become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any trappings of rank or social standing underneath. It is black for all degrees, with pointed sleeves for the bachelor’s degree recipient, long closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist for the master’s degree, or full bell double sleeves for the doctoral degree. Bachelor’s and master’s degree gowns have no trimming. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

**The Cap**

Under Roman law, a slave that had been set free received the privilege of wearing a cap. The academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship, and of the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Ancient poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the body in preparation for the institution’s first commencement in 1889, are the pink and green of the prairie rose.

**The Hood**

The hood is trimmed with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining designates the university or college which granted the degree. The official colors of the University of North Dakota, selected by the student body in preparation for the institution’s first commencement in 1889, are white, College of Arts and Sciences; black and white, John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences; blue and white, College of Education and Human Development; orange, School of Engineering and Mines; purple, School of Law; green, School of Medicine; apricot, College of Nursing; black, Graduate School. For undergraduate students, the tassels hang on the right side of the cap until they receive their degrees, at which time the tassel is moved to the left. For master’s students, the tassel hangs on the left side of the cap and is not moved.

**The Medallion**

A medallion or seal of office worn by the head of an educational institution is a practice that also dates to the Middle Ages. In those times, a seal was used to mark documents as official. Possession of the seal was so important that it was usually worn around the neck for safekeeping. The wearing of the seal eventually became a symbol of authority. One side of the medallion worn by the president bears an engraving of the University’s official seal and the names of all former presidents are included on the chain of office.

**The Charter**

The University of North Dakota was founded six years before North Dakota became a state. The original, handwritten charter, enacted in 1883 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly, is preserved in UND’s archives. One facsimile is displayed in the President’s Office and another is used at commencements and other special occasions.

**The University Flag**

The University flag features the UND flame logo set on a white background. The flag is used at ceremonial events and is carried by the honorary faculty flag marshal to lead the commencement procession. The flag is displayed on the stage during the commencement ceremony along with the mace and charter.

**Ceremonial Objects**

**International and Tribal Flags**

International and tribal flags represent the rich diversity of the UND campus and the wide variety of ethnic backgrounds of the University’s students, faculty, and staff. The international flags and tribal flags carried in the procession and displayed at the front of the arena are from countries and tribal nations represented in this graduating class.
CEREMONY FOR PROFESSIONAL & GRADUATE DEGREES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 — 3:00 P.M.

SCHOOL OF LAW
Bradley Myers, Dean

JURIS DOCTOR

Trent Barkus
Law

Mallory M. Block
Law

Keonna R. England
Law

Destinee Lynn Grooters
Law

David George Hamilton
Law

Kelsey C. Harrison
Law

Elisabeth Erin Hewett
Law

Marcedes Alexandria Hurd
Law

Ethan McRae
Law

Karem P. Mokom
Law

Alexa J. Pyette
Law

Katherine Elizabeth Sand
Law

Monica Amanda Santa
Law

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES: DOCTORAL DEGREES
Grant McGimpsey, Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Hind Hamed B. Alghanmi
Educational Leadership
Dissertation: Female Faculty Perspectives on Blended Learning at Universities in Saudi Arabia
Advisor: Marcus Weaver-Hightower

Azizah Fhad Mohammad Alogali
Educational Leadership
Advisor: Deborah Worley

Yawo Badagbo
Educational Foundations & Research
Dissertation: Self-determined Motivation in Foreign Language Learning: Examining the Effects on Students’ Achievement
Advisor: Robert Stupnisky

Jane Braaten
Educational Leadership
Dissertation: A Tapestry of Educational Technology Women Leaders in Higher Education: A Qualitative Study
Advisor: Deborah Worley

Dale Cletus Brunelle
Biology
Dissertation: Morphological and Genetic Analysis of Embryo Specific Mutants in Maize
Advisor: William F. Sheridan

Kevin Neil Clace
Educational Leadership
Dissertation: Examining the Effects of Breakthrough Coaching on Instructional Leadership
Advisor: Pauline Stonehouse

Chad Beldon Dahlen
Educational Leadership
Dissertation: Intergenerational Perspectives on Leadership by Men of the Three Affiliated Tribes
Advisor: Pauline Stonehouse

Kazimir Bartley Gazdzik
Teaching & Learning
Advisor: Anne Walker

Ludmi Vinola Herath
Higher Education
Dissertation: International Freshmen Students Satisfaction with Campus Environments at U.S. Institutions Through the Lens of The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
Advisor: Steven D. Lemire

Shannon M. Jesme
Higher Education
Dissertation: Other Duties as Assigned: Competencies Required of Chief Financial Officers in Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Advisor: Margaret Healy

Amber Lynn Johnson
Teaching & Learning
Dissertation: Stress and Coping Strategies: Perceptions of Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists
Advisor: Myrna R. Olson

Mohammed Ramadan Mahmoud
Scientific Computing
Dissertation: Developing a New Storage Format and a Warp-based SpMV Kernel for Configuration Interaction Sparse Matrices on the GPU
Advisor: Hassan Reza
Afshin Shabani  
*Earth System Science & Policy*  
Dissertation: Mitigating Environmental Impacts of Terminal Lake Flooding: A Case Study of Devils Lake, North Dakota  
Advisor: Xiaodong Zhang

**Erin Spies**  
*Educational Leadership*  
Dissertation: Exploring Student Perspectives on Elementary to Middle School Transition Practices  
Advisor: Sherryl Houdek

**Mariusz Miroslaw Starzec**  
*Atmospheric Sciences*  
Dissertation: Modeled and Observed Dynamical Characteristics of Convective Mass Transport  
Advisor: Gretchen Mullendore

**Angela Marie Wanzek**  
*Educational Leadership*  
Dissertation: The Role of a Principal in Establishing and Maintaining Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS): An Ethnographic Case Study  
Advisor: Pauline Stonehouse

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**Riley D. McGlynn**  
*Biology*  
Dissertation: Genomic Regulation of Abiotic Stress Response in the Soil Nematode Oscheius tipulae  
Advisor: Brian J. Darby

**Amanda Susan Osgood Jonientz**  
*English*  
Dissertation: Wayward Girls  
Advisor: Kim Donehower-Weinstein

**Michelle Fahey Rakoczy**  
*Higher Education*  
Dissertation: The ACHIEVE Model in Professional Experiences of Information Technology Workers in Higher Education: A Phenomenological Study  
Advisor: Zarrina Azizova

**Anna Lauren Schimmelpfennig**  
*Clinical Psychology*  
Dissertation: Stroop and Mindfulness: An Experimental Multi-Group Comparison  
Advisor: John-Pauk Legerski

**Prasanna Seshadri**  
*Engineering*  
Dissertation: The Mobility of Semi-volatile Trace Elements from Size Segregated Fly Ash Particles Generated During Pulverized Coal Combustion  
Advisor: Frank Bowman
School of Graduate Studies: Master’s Degrees
Grant McGimpsey, Dean

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Aerospace Sciences

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Lance DiAngelis
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Margaret Elaine Dievendorf
   Master of Science - Space Studies
Daniel Dixon
   Master of Science - Earth System Science & Policy
Patrick Anderson Squires
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Elizabeth Rose Staatz
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Alexander Patrick Trellinger
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Danielle Constance Horosh
   Master of Arts - Forensic Psychology
Tyler J. Jels
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Jessica Kelly Lake
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Lynn R. Martell
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Kayla M. Michelson
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Rachael Sophia Mickelson Hendrickson
   Master of Science - Forensic Psychology
Brett Thomas Nespor
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Devin M. Roehrich-Cherenza
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Kiley Wright
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Lei Yang
   Master of Fine Arts - Visual Arts

Arts & Sciences

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Peter Jonathan Brandt
   Master of Science - Geography
Laura Janelle Cline
   Master of Arts - Linguistics
Daphna Jennifer Cohen
   Master of Arts - Forensic Psychology
Christian E. Cory
   Master of Arts - Forensic Psychology
Yonca Ipek Cubuk
   Master of Arts - History
Angélique Marie DeBlois
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**Thursday, December 13, 3:00 pm (CST)**
Graduate and Professional Degree Ceremony

**Friday, December 14, 1:00 pm (CST)**
Undergraduate Degree Ceremony for:
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Engineering and Mines
- School of Medicine & Health Sciences
- College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines

**Friday, December 14, 4:00 pm (CST)**
Undergraduate Degree Ceremony for
- School of Aerospace Sciences
- College of Business and Public Administration
- College of Education and Human Development

Free video downloads of the ceremonies will be available on Vimeo by Wednesday, December 19, 2018 as follows:

Graduate and Professional Degree Ceremony: https://vimeo.com/304640982
Undergraduate Degree Ceremony (1 pm): https://vimeo.com/304641466
Undergraduate Degree Ceremony (4 pm): https://vimeo.com/304641575

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Honorary Faculty Flag Marshal
Thursday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m.
Myrna Olson

A UND faculty member, chosen from the ranks of the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors, carries the University flag and leads the commencement procession.

The Faculty Flag Marshal at today’s ceremony is Myrna Olson, Chester Fritz Professor of Teaching, Leadership, and Professional Practice in the College of Education and Human Development. During her 44 years at UND, Dr. Olson has served as an administrator 18 years and taught 32 different courses in the areas of special education, teacher education, and higher education. She received the B.C. Gamble Award for Individual Excellence in Teaching and Service in 1983, the Arthur and Lydia Saiki Prize for Graduate and Professional Teaching in 1993, the North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children Humanitarian Award in 1999, the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor designation in 2003, and the Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship by an Individual Faculty Member in the College of Education and Human Development in 2012.

Honorary Faculty Flag Marshal
Friday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m.
Joseph Hartman

A UND faculty member, chosen from the ranks of the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors, carries the University Flag and leads the Commencement procession.

The Faculty Flag Marshal at today’s ceremony is Joseph Hartman, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in the Harold Hamm School of Geology & Geological Engineering (GGE). Joseph joined UND in 1986 as a Research Paleontologist with the North Dakota Mining and Minerals Research Institute under Dr. Gerald Groenewold, with funding from the Philip M. McKenna Foundation. He remained with EERC until he joined the GGE faculty as an Associate Professor in 2001. His research interests cover a number of topics, but emphasize the historical geology of Upper Cretaceous (K) and Paleogene (Pg) strata of the northern Great Plains, including the evolution and extinction of continental mollusks in the Western Interior of North America, the K/Pg boundary interval in India, and the chronology of changes in sea-level. Joseph conducts field and museum research in North America, China, Madagascar, India, and western Europe to produce publications on evolution, taxonomy, biostratigraphy, paleobiogeography, climate change, science education, and the history of western exploration and paleontology. Joseph served as the first Director of GGE.

Honorary Faculty Flag Marshal
Friday, Dec. 14, 4 p.m.
Cindy Juntunen

A UND faculty member, chosen from the ranks of the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors, carries the University Flag and leads the Commencement procession.

The Faculty Flag Marshal at today’s ceremony is Cindy Juntunen, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of Counseling Psychology in the College of Education and Human Development.

Juntunen joined the UND faculty in 1994, in the Counseling and Counseling Psychology programs. She was named Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 2015, and in 2016 assumed the role of Dean of the College of Education and Human Development. Juntunen is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and has served on numerous national and state boards and committees in psychology. Juntunen is active as a national leader in the training and education of psychologists and counselors, and her work has been recognized with several teaching and leadership awards. Her scholarship focuses on vocational psychology, the impact of poverty and socioeconomic status on work attainment, and rural behavioral health issues and access to care.
CEREMONY FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 — 1:00 P.M.

COLLEGE OF NURSING & PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINES
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SCIENCE IN
COMMUNITY
NUTRITION

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Community Nutrition

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With help from more than 150,000 proud alumni, UND’s traditions have endured for more than a century. Our history is colorful and diverse. From educators to political leaders and astronauts, our alumni credit UND for their successes. Here are some facts:

- UND was founded in 1883 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly — six years before North Dakota became a state.
- The cornerstone for Old Main — UND’s first building and where the Eternal Flame in the Old Main Memorial Plaza now stands — was laid in the fall of 1883.
- As part of its evolution into a full-fledged, multi-purpose University, UND added research and the instruction of graduate students (the first master’s degree was awarded in 1895) before the end of the 19th century.
- Four faculty members met the 11 students who entered the University on opening day, September 8, 1884.
- Three U.S. Presidents have visited campus: Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan.
- The first class of eight students graduated on June 13, 1889.
- Unlike most state institutions of higher education west of the Mississippi, UND did not begin as an agricultural school or as a teachers college. It was organized initially as a College of Arts & Sciences, with a Normal School for the education of teachers.

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Winter at UND

On a calm day following a fresh snowfall, the University of North Dakota campus is transformed with a special kind of quiet beauty. Standing out against the unbroken snow are such landmarks as the Chester Fritz Library (top), the Soaring Eagle Garden and sculpture (center), and the Stone Center, once the home of UND presidents.

The winter season in North Dakota and on the campus can be challenging. Now and then, a generous observer — whether student, faculty or staff member, or visitor — decides the bust of George Walsh (the unofficial “founder” of the University) deserves a little protection from the elements. A UND-themed stocking cap seems to be just the thing to lighten up Walsh’s somewhat stern countenance.
The ceremonial mace was first a practical weapon intended to protect the king and borne by the Sergeants-at-Arms, a royal bodyguard. The history of the civic mace begins about the middle of the 13th century. Since about the 15th century, universities have displayed a mace as a symbol of both internal authority and the independence of the scholarly tradition.

The mace of the University of North Dakota came into being at the direction of George W. Starcher, president from 1954 to 1971. In 1963 he approached Alvin Rudisill, chairman of the Industrial Arts Department, with the idea of creating a mace with materials from “Old Main,” UND’s first building. Condemned for decades for its severe structural deficiencies, Old Main was being demolished as administrative offices had moved to the newly completed Twamley Hall.

Rudisill turned to one of his students, Dennis Kulas, who was also pursuing a minor in art. Kulas crafted a mace in wood and then a second, when some thought the first might be too heavy for ceremonial use. The first one is the mace that has been carried at the front of all commencement ceremonies since.

Kulas explained the artistic ideas he incorporated into his design:

“The theme used for making the mace was like a drop of water falling into a body of water, its effects sending out ripples throughout the water. Likewise, a little learning affects everyone by sending out knowledge to all four corners of the Earth, hence the design. The globe: symbolizing the Earth. The rings: symbolizing a drop of knowledge ever spreading throughout the Earth. The four spikes: emphasizing the four corners of the Earth.”

The second mace used the same theme, but the globe was hollowed out to make it lighter by using recessed rings.
The First Commencement

The following is excerpted from University of the Northern Plains, the history of the University of North Dakota written by Louis G. Geiger and published in 1958 as part of the University’s 75th anniversary celebration.

A major milestone in student affairs, as well as in the University’s history, was the graduation of the first college class in 1889. A faculty committee was appointed in February to plan the exercises. In April the student body met and chose the school colors, the pink and green of the prairie rose, “suggestive of our green prairies and rosy prospects.” On June 13, a cool, fair day, the ceremony began at ten o’clock in the University assembly hall, which had been decorated with flags and flowers and a large “89” centerpiece. A capacity crowd of students and spectators (perhaps as many as 250) was on hand as the graduates — “the ladies … dressed in white” and “the gentlemen … neatly attired” — marched to their places on the stage to the accompaniment of music by [W. W.] Hall’s Cadet Band. Special guests were the Regents, H. M. Mellette, governor of the Territory, several other territorial officials [North Dakota did not attain statehood until November 2, 1889], and Nehemiah Ordway, who as governor had signed the organic act of the University. [President Homer B.] Sprague presided and introduced the speakers. Mellette observed that it was a “Red River letter day.” Ordway spoke with pride and feeling on the University’s founding. One of the Regents relieved the occasion with a touch of unconscious humor when he explained: “As to the faculty we have done the best we could with the money at hand.” Following the official commemoration of the occasion, the main part of the program began; there were essays and orations presented by each of the eight graduates, six from the college and two from the four-year normal course; Frances M. Allen (B.A.), Clinton S. DeGroat (B.S.), Ben E. Ingwaldson (B.S.), Cora Smith (B.S.), Marie Teel (B.S.), May Travis (B.A.), and Genevieve Arnold and Irene Mares (normal certificates). The orations, on current as well as literary and moral subjects, were printed in full in the Grand Forks newspapers.

Three of the college graduates were from Grand Forks; none had come from farther than Hillsboro. Not one had been born in North Dakota; Ben Ingwaldson had been born in Norway. In the class of 1890, of seven college graduates, four were from Grand Forks, three were women, and six took the science degree. A considerable proportion of the early graduates entered medicine, law, or teaching. Cora Smith, a member of the first class, took a degree in medicine at Boston University; Mary Crans of the second class completed the course in dentistry at the University of Michigan. Ben Ingwaldson went on to the University of Minnesota law school. North Dakota’s first appointee to West Point, Joseph Travis, graduated in the class of 1890.
Congratulations and Best Wishes

The University of North Dakota is proud to recognize the accomplishments of its graduates and to extend best wishes to them, their families and loved ones.

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